



CAO REPORT – November 8, 2021

It's been a while since my last CAO report as there was no evening meeting on October 25 so I wanted to start with reflecting back on October 21st and the announcement of the building renovations and naming of the new George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre. I am proud of the work staff did in overseeing the renovation and working with the Summerland Community Arts Council, which resulted in the full-scale interior renovation including electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, lighting, flooring, new partition walls and floor plan, as well as fire and life safety improvements. While the Summerland Community Arts Council and Art Gallery will reside on the main floor of the renovated building, the second floor is shared space which will offer arts and cultural programs and events, recreation programs and rental space administered through the Arts Council. With the renovation, the renewed building is set to serve the community for many more years to come.

In fact, the next item I wanted to update Council on is that the District will be hosting a "Builders Breakfast" on November 19 ... which will be held at the George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre. The session will be held from 6:30am to 8:30am. Breakfast will be provided, and we are inviting builders to come out and have their morning coffee with us and learn about the RDOS and District of Summerland's Step Code implementation. Local energy advisors will be present to answer questions, and best-in-class builders who can provide information on how to keep a building air-tight. Because we have limitations in the number of people that can attend, interested builders should call our Director of Development Services Mr. Brad Dollevoet at 250-404-4057 or email him at bdollevoet@summerland.ca.

On November 2, staff released an expression of interest for the Okanagan Food and Innovation Hub for a land and/or building partner. Proposals are due November 25th, and we are looking forward to exploring the possibilities with this exciting project for the region, which has also been identified as a Council priority.

Finally, for Council's awareness, we are conducting an Eco-Village Design Charette on November 29 and 30. We are still in the very early strategic planning stages for this exciting concept, but this session will involve key stakeholders in a comprehensive discussion to explore the opportunities from a planning perspective. In parallel track, we have conducted high level environmental analysis of the site and the Penticton Indian Band is presently involved to conduct review of the site from a cultural and archaeological perspective. All these steps are important to ensure the project and location is sound, and to 'set the table' for future Council decisions on how and when to move forward with the development.

Respectfully submitted,

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